

Monday, July 14, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7401–S7428

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1011–1016. **Page S7423**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 39, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7423**

Measures Passed:

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 63, proclaiming the week of October 19 through October 25, 1997, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S7427–28**

Department of Defense Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 1005, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7401–13, S7415–20

Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 837, to provide an additional \$60 million for “Former Soviet Threat Reduction” activities for fiscal year 1998. **Page S7404**

Inouye (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 839, to correct the source of the funding for procurement of digital terrain systems for F-16 aircraft. **Page S7405**

Inouye (for Dodd) Amendment No. 840, to provide funds to establish a program to provide appropriate health care to Persian Gulf veterans who suffer from a Gulf War illness. **Page S7405**

Inouye (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 841, to provide funds for a facial recognition technology program. **Page S7405**

Stevens (for Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 842, to provide funds for a joint service core research program to develop a prototype hybrid integrated sensor array for chemical and biological point detection. **Page S7405**

Stevens (for Sessions) Amendment No. 843, to provide funds for a conventional munitions demilitarization program. **Page S7406**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 844, to reduce to \$1,000,000 the threshold amount for the applicability of the requirement for advance matching of Department of Defense disbursements to particular obligations. **Pages S7406–07**

Pending:

Stevens/Inouye Amendment No. 846, to require a report to Congress on all anticipated costs to the United States for the admission of the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary to NATO. **Pages S7413, S7415–17**

Harkin Amendment No. 848, to prohibit the use of taxpayer funds to underwrite restructuring costs associated with a business merger. **Pages S7417–20**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Tuesday, July 15, 1997. **Page S7420**

A further consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1005, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill be passed, the Senate insist on its amendment, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S7420**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S7413–15**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 78 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 174), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7414**

Messages From the House: **Pages S7420–21**

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—174)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday,

July 15, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7428.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–176);

H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–177);

H.R. 2160, making appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–178);

H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore (H. Rept. 105–179); and

H. Res. 184, providing for consideration of H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–180).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5183.**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.**Adjournment:** Met at 3:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**Committee Meetings****PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AFTER BOERNE v. FLORES***Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Protecting Religious Freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*. Testi-

mony was heard from Jeff Sutton, Solicitor, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS*Committee on Rules:* Granted a rule, by voice vote, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (relating to the three day availability of the report); clause 7 of rule XXI (relating to the three day availability of printed hearings on appropriations bills); or Section 306 of the Budget Act (relating to the prohibition on including matters within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee in a measure not reported by it).

The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriation bill) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules which may only be offered by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to further amendment or a demand for a division of the question. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule allows the Chairman to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides

one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Stokes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting, to mark up an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Treasury, U.S. Postal Service, and General Government, and proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for the Legislative Branch, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Transportation, business meeting, to mark up an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2 p.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 4 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to resume hearings on problems surrounding the mortgage origination process and the implementation of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, David J. Scheffer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, Richard Sklar, of California, to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Linda Jane Zack Tarr Whelan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of James Franklin Collins, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Marc Grossman, of Virginia,

to be Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, John Christian Kornblum, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, and Stephen R. Sestanovich, of the District of Columbia, as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Gordon D. Giffin, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Canada, 4 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on assessing the impact of judicial activism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, 2 p.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1422-23 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on Review of Wildfire Management in the United States, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Economic and Environmental Impact of the Proposed International Global Climate Change Agreement, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on the Education of the Deaf Act and Title V of the Higher Education Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, joint hearing on the Impact of Radio on African Democracy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1109, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States; H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; and H.R. 2027, to provide for the revision of the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to require the Attorney General to report to the Congress on the impact of such revision; to consider a motion to request a report on a private immigration bill; followed by

an oversight hearing on the Institutional Hearing Program, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the Administration's Proposal regarding the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Meeting the Needs of People with Disabilities

Through Federal Technology Transfer, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Does Ex-Im Help Small Business Exporters? 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2133, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment-most-favored-nation treatment-to the products of Mongolia; and H.R. 2132, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment-most-favored-nation treatment-to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1005, Department of Defense Appropriations, 1998.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures from the Private Calendar;

Consideration of three Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1818, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1997;

2. H.R. 765, Shackleford Banks Wild Horses Protection Act;

3. H.R. 2035, Authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries;

Complete consideration of H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (open rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2158, VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (subject to a rule).

No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue**HOUSE**

Gekas, George W., Pa., E1419
Portman, Rob, Ohio, E1419
Stokes, Louis, Ohio, E1419



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